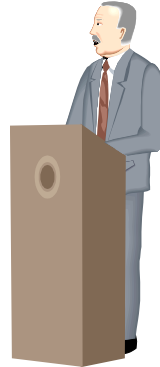


Summary of Issues Most Frequently Mentioned On February 28, 2008 By Organizations Representing Older Adults



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Issue Frequency

Each organization's legislative priorities/issues of concern are summarized and presented in a table format on the following pages.

The number of organizations that mentioned the issue is in parentheses () next to the issue.

The individual issues presented were grouped in the following broad categories: Funding/Funding Related, Not Directly Related to Funding

For Summary Purposes, the issues with the highest frequency were:

- Increase Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds (8)
- Increase Senior Center Funds (7)
- Provide Funding for Project C.A.R.E. (6)
- Support for Adult Protective Services/Enact & Fund APS Clearinghouse Model Pilot (4)
- Increase Funds for New & Existing Special Care Dental Programs (Care in Underserved Areas, LTC, Disabled Seniors at Home) (4)

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FUNDING/FUNDING RELATED																				
Increase HCCBG Funds (8)	x							x	x		x		x							
Increase Senior Center Funds (7)	x							x	x		x									
Increase Funds-Alzheimer's Chapters(1)																x				
Increase Funds-Adult Day Reimbursement(1)													x							
Increase Funds-Area Agencies on Aging(1)											x									
Provide Funds-Additional NC Prescription Drug Assistance to Those Not Qualifying for Medicare Part D Federal Asst. (1)											x									
Provide Funding for Project C.A.R.E. (6)	x								x				x			x				
Increase LTC Insurance Tax Credit(1)												x								
Increase Asset Limit for Medicaid- Aged, Blind and Disabled(2)	x																			
Provide Funds to Division of Public Health for Indoor Plumbing for Older Adults(1)	x																			
Support for Adult Protective Services/ Enact & Fund APS Clearinghouse Model Pilot(4)													x							
Increase Funds for New & Existing Special Care Dental Programs (Care in Underserved Areas, LTC, Disabled Seniors at Home) (4)	x																			
Support/Fund Older Adult Pop. Study(1)									x											
Increase Funds-Guardianship Services(2)									x											
Increase Funds-Senior Tar Heel Legislature(1)																				
Increase Funds- Housing Trust Fund(1)																				
Increase Medicaid Nursing Homes Residents Personal Needs Allowance(1)																				
Require DHHS to Adopt Special Assistance & Medicaid Income Disregard Policy(1)																				
Retirement Contribution Rates for Government Employees, Health Plan Benefit(2)																				
Collaboration to Streamline Guardianship Efforts (including training) and Funding(2)																				
Include Dental Care Reimbursement for NC Money Follows Person Program - Medicaid(1)																				

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NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO FUNDING																					
Pursue Rules for S.L. 2005-66 (ACH Licensure Category for Elderly Only) (1)												x									
Review Evaluations that Determine Incompetency (1)																			x		
Promote Limited Guardianship as Readily Accepted Option(1)																			x		
Increased Training for Guardianship(1)																		x			
Address Mentally Ill Mixed with Frail Elderly(1)																					x
Continue Support for Information on LTC Providers(1)						x															
Require Registration of Multiunit Assisted Housing w/ Services (MAHS) (1)												x									
Develop State Alzheimer's Plan(1)																x					
Enact Legislation to Study Safe Transport of Passengers in Wheelchairs(1)													x								
Require Study on Dedication of Bd. Of Gynors' Dental Scholarship-Loan Program Slots for Providers Serving Special Populations(1)																					
Direct DHHS-Medical Assistance – to study dental Medicaid behavior reimbursement code for Special Care Patients(1)																					
Study Funding of Special Care Residency Program to Train Future Dental Providers(1)																					
Info. on Direct Care Workers Assn. (1)														x							
Info. on PCS Restructuring(1)															x						
Info. on Future Care of NC(1)																					
Create Task Force- Quality End of Life Care (1)																					
Remove Barriers- Referrals for Hospice Care(1)																					
Continue Emphasis-Advance Care Planning(1)																					
Increase Availability of Palliative Care & Pain Management in Hospitals& Nursing Homes(1)																					
ACH/DHHS Partnership for Improved Care of Residents & Web-based System for Resident Assessment, Care Planning, Monitoring, Staff Development, and Peer Support(1)																					
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